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Good afternoon,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on **House Bill 6664 - AN ACT  
MANAGING WASTE AND CREATING A WASTE AUTHORITY.**

My name is **Karen Campbell** and I am the Executive Director of the **North Central  
Connecticut Chamber of Commerce**. Our Chamber proudly serves four Connecticut  
communities (**East Windsor, Enfield, Somers & Suffield**) and many of our members  
have additional business locations in neighboring communities.

At the request of some NCCCC members, and through the direction of our Board of  
Directors, we wish to relay our **opposition** to House Bill 6664. Along with other  
mandates, we understand this would establish an extended producer responsibility  
program for paper and packaging products in Connecticut.

This proposal requires packaging producers to create an entity to recover packaging  
and paper product materials. The entity will be funded by an additional fee assessed  
on everyday items purchased by consumers. We see producers and consumers alike  
**BOTH** paying more for items which are already being well-managed through CT's  
current processes.

Small business owners are concerned that this legislation would have unintended  
consequences and costs. Small business owners believe in, are familiar with, and  
generally support Connecticut's existing, proven and already successful single-stream  
recycling system.

The North Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce stands with our members who  
are urging the Committee to oppose House Bill 6664.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

**Thank you,**

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